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To: Each Supervisor

From: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.   
Interim Director

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRESS IN OBTAINING  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES MEDICAL HUB FORENSIC EVALUATIONS**

On September 1, 2009, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Public Social Services (DPSS), to report back in 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on our progress on the following items:

1) Working with the Medi-Cal Managed Care health plans to establish contracts for reimbursement for Medical Hub forensic examinations for pre-detained and non-detained children involved in the child welfare system; 2) working with the California Departments of Health and Social Services on carving out reimbursement to the County for Medical Hub forensic medical examinations at the federal Medi-Cal Share of Cost level, similar to the State's agreements with school-based clinics; and 3) evaluating the feasibility of systematically accessing alternative State emergency/temporary Medi-Cal eligibility programs, such as the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Program, for children not already enrolled in Medi-Cal.

This quarterly report provides an update on item one. Items two and three were addressed in prior quarterly reports.

### **Reimbursement from Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans**

There are two Medi-Cal Managed Care plans in Los Angeles County: the local initiative, L.A. Care, and the commercial plan, operated by HealthNet. DHS and L.A. Care staff have analyzed Medical Hub encounter forms and Medical Hub budgets and have developed an initial reimbursement model. L.A. Care is currently negotiating rate plan amendments with their Plan Partners and Medical Hub reimbursement will be included in the negotiations. L.A. Care anticipates that negotiations will be completed in October 2010. Concurrently, DHS and L.A. Care will finalize an agreement for Medical Hub services provided to L.A. Care members.

DHS will notify the Board when the agreement is finalized.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Cheri Todoroff, Deputy, DHS Planning and Program Oversight, at (213) 240-8272 or via e-mail at [ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov).

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